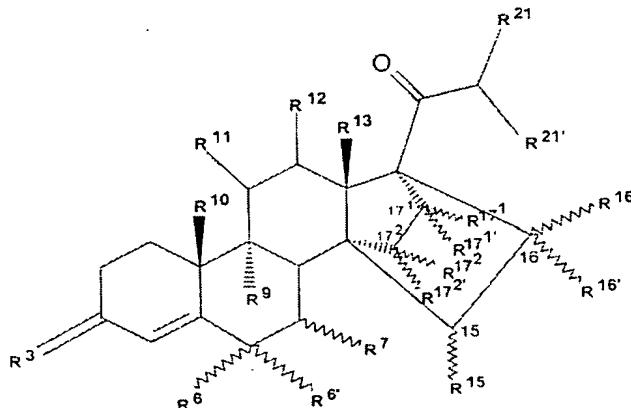


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Combination that consists of A combination comprising at least one gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin or derivatives a derivative of these cyclodextrins β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin, which are is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of the cyclodextrins, whereby cyclodextrin, wherein the gestagen is a 14,17-C₂-bridged steroid.
2. (Currently Amended) Combination according to claim 1, whereby the gestagens belong to the group of formula I A combination comprising at least one gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



(I)

in which

R^3 stands for is an oxygen atom, the a hydroxyimino group, or two hydrogen atoms,

R^6 stands for is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or an α - or β -position C₁-C₄ alkyl radical,

Whereby then wherein $R^{6'}$ and R^7 represent hydrogen atoms, or else

R⁶ stands for is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, whereby then wherein R⁶ and R⁷ represent a common additional bond,

R⁷ stands for is an α- or β-position C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, whereby then wherein R⁶ and R^{6'} represent hydrogen atoms, or else

R⁶ and R⁷ together stand for an α- or β-position methylene group, and R⁶ stands for is a hydrogen atom, or R⁶ and R^{6'} together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and R⁷ stands for is a hydrogen atom,

R⁹ and R¹⁰ in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

R¹¹ and R¹² in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

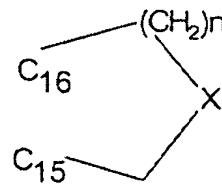
R¹³ stands for is a methyl or ethyl group,

R¹⁵ stands for is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical,

R¹⁶ and R^{16'}, independently of one another, stand for a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical or a C₂-C₄ alkenyl radical or together for a C₁-C₃ alkylidene group,

R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ stand for a common bond, and R^{16'} stands for a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical, or

R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ together stand for a ring of partial formula



in which n = 1 and 2, and X means a methylene group or an oxygen atom, and R^{16'} stands for a hydrogen atom,

R^{17¹} stands for is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical,

R^{17²} stands for is a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical, or a C₂-C₄ alkenyl radical,

R^{17¹'} and R^{17²'} in each case is a hydrogen atom or for a common bond,

R²¹ stands for is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical,

R^{21'} stands for is a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical, or a hydroxy group.

3. (Currently Amended) Combination The combination according to claim 2 1, whereby wherein the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione.

4. (Currently Amended) Combination The combination according to claim 1, whereby wherein the cyclodextrin is a β -cyclodextrin.

5. (Currently Amended) Combination The combination according to claim 1, whereby wherein the cyclodextrin and the gestagen are present with β -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (gestagen : cyclodextrin, n \geq 1), and are present with γ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (n \geq 1) (gestagen : cyclodextrin).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) Combination The combination according to claim 6 which has been formulated as a stable, oral formulation.

8. (Withdrawn) Combination according to claim 6 for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for treating menopausal symptoms.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to claim 1 with and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants and vehicles acceptable adjuvant or vehicle.

11. (Currently Amended) Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains a combination according to claim 1 The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10

which has been formulated for peroral, oral, parenteral, transdermal, pulmonary, nasal, rectal, vaginal or intrauterine use.

12. (Withdrawn) Use of a combination according to claim 1 for the production of a medication for treating premenstrual symptoms, such as headaches, depression, water retention and mastodynia A method for treating premenstrual symptoms comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) Process A method for birth control with administration of comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a combination composition according to claim 1 10.

14. (Currently Amended) Process A method for stabilization of a gestagen according to Formula I according to of claim 2 1 with use of comprising mixing said gestagen with a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of these cyclodextrins a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin, which are is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrins.

15. (Currently Amended) Process A method for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin while being triturated as a dry mixture or by precipitation reaction, preferably co precipitation comprising triturating said gestagen and said cyclodextrin to form a dry mixture of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

16. (Currently Amended) Process A method for direct pelletizing of a gestagen complex according to claim 1 with a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin with the addition of and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants adjuvant comprising mixing said gestagen, cyclodextrin and said adjuvant to form a gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex and pelleting the gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex.

17. (New) The combination of claim 2, wherein $R^{21'}$ is a hydroxy group.

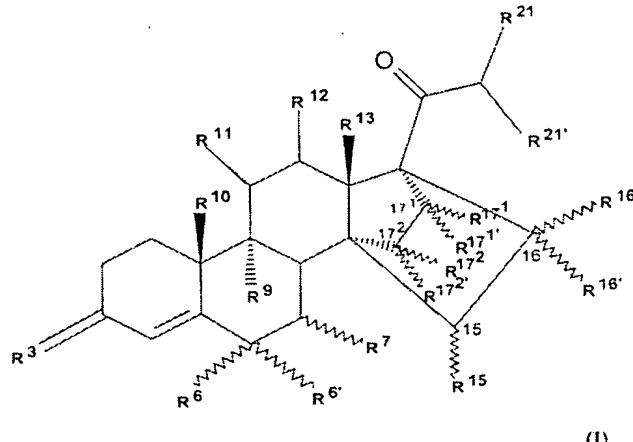
18. (New) The process of claim 15, wherein said precipitation reaction is a co-precipitation reaction.

19. (New) A process for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin comprising adding an ethanolic solution of said gestagen to an aqueous solution of said cyclodextrin to form a precipitate of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

20. (New) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione and the cyclodextrin is a β -cyclodextrin.

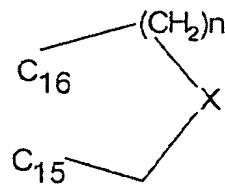
21. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said premenstrual symptoms are headache, depression, water retention and mastodynia.

22. (New) A combination consisting of a gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of a cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



in which

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 R^6 stands for a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or for an α - or β -position C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical,
wherein then R^6 and R^7 represent hydrogen atoms, or else
 $R^{6'}$ stands for a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or for a C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, wherein then $R^{6'}$ and R^7 represent a common additional bond,
 R^7 stands for an α - or β -position C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, wherein then R^6 and $R^{6'}$ represent hydrogen atoms, or else
 R^6 and R^7 together stand for an α - or β -position methylene group, and $R^{6'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom, or R^6 and $R^{6'}$ together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and R^7 stands for a hydrogen atom,
 R^9 and R^{10} in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,
 R^{11} and R^{12} in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,
 R^{13} stands for a methyl or ethyl group,
 R^{15} stands for a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical,
 R^{16} and $R^{16'}$, independently of one another, stand for a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical or a C_2 - C_4 alkenyl radical or together for a C_1 - C_3 alkylidene group,
 R^{15} and R^{16} stand for a common bond, and $R^{16'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical, or
 R^{15} and R^{16} together stand for a ring of partial formula



in which $n = 1$ and 2 , and X means a methylene group or an oxygen atom, and $R^{16'}$ stands for a

hydrogen atom,

R^{17^1} stands for a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical,

R^{17^2} stands for a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical, or a C_2 - C_4 alkenyl radical,

$R^{17^1'}$ and $R^{17^2'}$ in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or for a common bond,

R^{21^1} stands for a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical,

$R^{21^1'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical, or a hydroxy group.